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FOR UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON AND WHITEHOUSE FOR SEIDMAN

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SUBJECT: EFFORTS TO PERSUADE FRANCE TO CONTRIBUTE TO INTERNATIONAL  
FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE DR. JOHN HANNAH, EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ASKED US TO PASS TO ADDRESSEES  
INDICATED ABOVE.

2. QUOTE

A) LAST WEEK'S PREPARATORY MEETING FOR SECOND SESSION WORLD  
FOOD COUNCIL WENT WELL.

B) ACTION TAKEN BY OPEC FINANCE MINISTERS AT THEIR PARIS MEETING  
WAS STEP FORWARD FOR IFAD.

C) MEETING HERE MORNING OF MAY 14 OF ALL CATEGORY ONE COUNTRIES  
INCLUDED JIM PLACKE REPRESENTING USA WHERE ALL FACETS FOR COMPLET-  
ING SUCCESSFULLY THE FINALIZATION OF FUND WERE DISCUSSED.

D) I FEEL STRONGLY THAT IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT FRANCE  
PARTICIPATE IN THE FUND AT THE LEVEL OF AT LEAST DLR 40 MILLION AS  
AN INDIVIDUAL NATION OR PREFERABLY WITHIN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY  
IN A TOTAL CONTRIBUTION MATCHING THE USA CONTRIBUTIONS OF DLR  
200 MILLION, IF WE ARE TO BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE SATISFACTORY  
ARRANGEMENTS WITH OPEC.

E) MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THIS DECISION WILL BE MADE BY  
PRESIDENT OF FRANCE. IT HAS BEEN STALLED FOR WEEKS WITHIN  
FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

F) IF MOST URGENTLY REQUEST SECRETARY KISSINGER OR PRESIDENT  
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FORD TO USE USA INFLUENCE WITH FRANCE IN THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS

WITH PRESIDENT OF FRANCE TO BRING ABOUT THE DESIRED RESULT.  
IN MY VIEW IFAD REMAINS THE ONLY INITIATIVE IN SIGHT THAT CAN  
PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR WESTERN COUNTRIES AND OPEC COUNTRIES  
TO LEARN HOW TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE INTEREST OF  
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS.  
G) I PLAN TO SEEK MEETING WITH FRENCH OFFICIALS IN PARIS BUT  
WILL AWAIT YOUR ADVICE. END OF QUOTE.VOLPE

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